

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 11, and 13-22 are pending in the present application.

The rejection of Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 11, and 13-22 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph (written description), is obviated by amendment.

Consistent with the Examiner's suggestion, Applicants have amended the claims to define the coating solution as a solvent solution wherein each of the recited components (e.g., formula 1, formula 3, and the hydrolysable organometallic compound) are dissolved in the solvent. Further, Applicants submit that this dissolution of the components in the solvent is implicitly supported by the specification by virtue of the characterization of the coating solution being a "solution".

Withdrawal of this ground of rejection is requested.

The rejection of Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 11, 13, and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is obviated in part by amendment and traversed in part.

Applicants have amended the preamble of Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, and 14-18 based on page 1, lines 5-11 to more clearly and accurately define the material as suggested by the Examiner.

With respect to the Examiner's assertion that the claims contain improper Markush format, Applicants disagree. The claims contain a definition of the R groups in proper Markush form. For example, the definition of R₉ and R₁₁ are in Claim 1 is "R₉ and R₁₁ are independently selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen, an alkyl group having 1-10 carbon atoms *and* an alkenyl group having 1-10 carbon atoms" and R₁₀ and R₁₂ are defined as "R₁₀ and R₁₂ each is independently selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group having 1-10 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 1-10 carbon atoms, a phenyl group, *and* a

phenyl group having an epoxy group or a glycidyl group". The remaining independent claims contain the comparable language. Thus, contrary to the Examiner's assertion, the last species set forth in the Markush groups uses the term "and" not "or".

In view of the foregoing, Applicants request withdrawal of this ground of rejection.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

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